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Letter dated 9 July 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit a copy of the statement of the Ministry fo Foreign Affairs of Georgia of 6 July 2003, on the application by the "South Ossetia" separatist region of Georgia for membership in the Russian Federation (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

6 July 2003

It was with deep concern that the statement of the self-styled "president of South Ossetia", E. Kokoity, of 4 July 2003, made at a press conference in Nalchik, Karbardino-Balkaria, Russian Federation, was received in Georgia. In "his capacity of head of the state he appealed to the President of Russia to admit South Ossetia to membership in the Russian Federation".

The statement would not have merited serious consideration in Tbilisi, had it not been accompanied by the provocative statements and comments of the officials of the State of Duma of the Russian Federation and the President of the Kabardino-Balkaria Republic of the Russian Federation, Valeri Kokov, who rendered irresponsible support to the appeal. In his words, the unrecognized republic "not only can, but should, become an associated, and in the future, full member of the Russian Federation".

All these actions are nothing else than an attempt to infringe upon the territorial integrity of Georgia, running counter to the fundamental principles of relationships between Georgia and the Russian Federation.

We expect that the highest authorities of Russia will adequately react to and assess these provocative actions.